

REMARKS

Claim 7 has been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1-6 and 8-19 remain pending. Claims 1, 6, 8-10 and 12 have been amended to recite more clearly a cordless telephone with a telephone line interface that initiates an outgoing call based on a determination of a predetermined key sequence, such as 9-1-1.

Claims 1-4 and 6-19

In the Office Action, claims 1-4 and 6-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Tendler *et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 5,555,286 ("Tendler"). Claim 7 has been cancelled. The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of the remaining claims.

Claims 1-4, 6 and 8-19 recite apparatus and a method for a cordless telephone with a telephone line interface that initiates an outgoing call based on a determination of a predetermined key sequence.

Tendler appears to disclose a cellular telephone based emergency vessel/vehicle location system that includes a combined dialer and activation detector in which activation may either be from the cellular phone keypad or from other means. In one embodiment, the dialer and activation detector is actuated from the keypad of the cellular phone, such as 911, *CG, *SP or other predetermined activation code.

Tendler fails to disclose a cordless telephone with a telephone line interface that initiates an outgoing call based on a determination of a predetermined key sequence, as claimed by claims 1-4, 6 and 8-19. A cellular telephone is not a cordless telephone. Cellular telephones do not have a telephone line interface because they are wireless. Moreover, there is no reason to wire a cellular telephone.

Claims 1-4, 6 and 8-19 are patentable over the prior art of record. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing rejection be withdrawn.

Claim 5

In the Office Action, claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tendler. The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claim 5 is dependent on claim 1 and is patentable over Tendler for the same reason that claim 1 is patentable – Tendler does not disclose or suggest a cordless telephone with a wireless interface that initiates an outgoing call (in claim 5 on the public switched telephone network (“PSTN”)) based on a determination of a predetermined key sequence.

The Examiner takes official notice that it was notoriously well known in the art that the PSTN is a landline network using DTMF. The Applicants do not disagree, but as noted Tendler discloses a cellular telephone, not a cordless telephone with a wireless interface, as claimed by claim 5.

Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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Version with Markings to Show Changes Made

1. (Amended) A cordless telephone, comprising:
a base unit; [and]
a telephone line interface; and
a handset, the handset including
a keypad,
a key scan element adapted to scan the keypad for a
predetermined key sequence, and

a controller adapted to cause the initiation of an outgoing call
based on a determination of the predetermined key sequence.
6. (Amended) A handset for a cordless telephone, comprising:
a keypad,
a key scan element adapted to scan the keypad for a
predetermined key sequence, and
a controller adapted to cause the initiation of an outgoing call by
outputting a signal to a corresponding base unit with a telephone line interface
based on a determination of the predetermined key sequence.
8. (Amended) A handset as recited in claim 6 [7], further comprising
an RF transceiver, wherein the signal is output to the base unit via the RF
transceiver.
9. (Amended) A handset as recited in claim 6 [7], wherein the signal
informs the base unit that the predetermined key sequence has been detected.
10. (Amended) A handset as recited in claim 6 [7], wherein the
signal comprises a dialing sequence of a number to be dialed.

12. (Amended) A method of placing a telephone call from a cordless telephone handset with a telephone line interface that is in an on-hook condition, comprising the steps of:

sensing the activation of predetermined key sequence; and
initiating a telephone call based on the senses activation.